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A MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL COMMANDER

Ever Meet This Man?

RALPH TURGEON
National Commander

It was at one of the many YD affairs this writer attended, this winter, that I had the very real pleasure of visiting, at length, with one of the dyed-in-the-wool spark plugs of the YDVA. There are many such men in our Association. But this man in particular, normally reticent, loosened up after our third high ball and proceeded to expound the virtues of our Association. He was well qualified to talk on the subject because he, like many others, went through all the offices and became the Commander of his Chapter, many years ago.

As you might suppose, he is a very congenial well met sort of a fellow. He is a family man, not wealthy in terms of dollars and cents but extremely wealthy in knowledge and know-how in the YDVA. He has a good job and is highly regarded in the community in which he lives. He has been a member of the Association for over 22 consecutive years and to this day, his enthusiasm for the YD remains unquenched. Like most of us, when we reach his age, he has his aches and pains but one would never know it by his infectious cheerful attitude.

Conversely, he is the type who will attend all the Chapter meetings, in his neck of the woods, and is invariably one of the first to pay his dues in his Chapter. He is the type who, when his Association finds itself in difficulties, will send in his mite to help KEEP THE YD ALIVE, as he did last year, by buying the one sheet of stamps sent to him by National Headquarters, even though he already had a two years supply on hand. No sir, you don't hear him griping about the methods the BIG BRASS are using to promote the welfare of his Association. Far from it, he honestly thinks we ought to do more . . . even if it means raising the dues. He is the type when the Membership Drive gets

ndler way who will do more than his share in promoting new members.

As a good will ambassador for the YD, he is superb. He visits the ailing and the shut-ins at either home or hospital and attends funerals not only of his W. W. I buddies but of the W. W. II men who also gave their all to preserve our way of life. He is the type who always goes out of his way to pass a kind word of encouragement to the W. W. II men in his Chapter, realizing that these are the men who, at this very moment, are assuming the partial responsibility in perpetuating his Association for the future.

Come Convention time, this man will be seen walking up to the registration desk picking up his envelope and his badge for, with the exception of one Convention when he was laid up, he always sends in his registration two months ahead. And while he is not exactly young anymore, he will parade with his wartime buddies and will feel mighty proud of the YD patch on the left shoulder of his uniform. He will climax this Convention — the only vacation he has — by attending the church services of his faith and no doubt will silently offer a prayer to God that he is still around doing his bit, in his own humble way, in making this world of ours a better world in which to live in.

This man I am writing about, I know, will read this article word for word. Knowing this, I want to personally thank him for the visit we had together and also, I want to thank him for his advice and council for I truly felt humble in his presence. To have met and talked with him was to have taken a refresher course in what the Yankee Division Veterans Association means to me as it must mean to every YD man everywhere. Truly, it was an experience I shall never forget.

NATIONAL CONVENTION NEWS

By Warren Carberg

There is a stirring in the air these days. Letters from old timers many thousands of miles away, reveal unmistakably that the 1949 convention in Boston June 23-26 will be something out of the ordinary, one of those great events that loom as milestones of the YDVA and of the men who served the division with such success and gallantry in World wars one and two.

There are many reasons for this sentiment. Most of the boys have succeeded in groping their way out of the financial woods, at least to some extent, and are hungry for a reunion in dear old hospitable Boston, where the original division first took form under the guiding hand of Daddy Edwards and where the YD Club, Sanctum Sanctorum of the division is located.

Under the guiding hand of Commander Anthony J. Rock, and Guy Watts, devoted and long suffering secretary, the YD club is getting back on its feet financially and before the end of the convention will be enjoying a new wave of prosperity and greatness. In a word the Yankee Division has successfully merged young and old veterans into a single great outfit. It has come of age.

At the organization meeting of the convention corporation on January 18 at the YD Club this feeling of confidence was expressed by everyone.

There is no doubt but what the 1949 convention should be one of the greatest ever staged in Boston and this town of the Bean has known hundreds.

There is hope that the parade will be one of the best since that first homecoming parade in April 1919, when 26,000 (the division was numerous in those days) marched through lanes of wildly cheering people on a cold sunlit afternoon.

I will never forget the details of that particular parade while my city editor can live to tell about it. for the greatest number of reporters and cameramen in history were on the job. It was not only a great spectacle, but because of its tremendous importance and dramatic import, it was a great news event, one that city editors and reporters still like to discuss with the moist eye of reminiscence.

I need not dwell on the feelings of the men who participated (with apologies to you of World War two). Nothing before or like it has occurred since. Here was a great combat division carrying their arms and equipment, representing every section of New England, marching from a fresh-won triumph to the acclaim of their kin and their townsmen. The War Department may have been on the inefficient side in those far-away days, but from the standpoint of news values they really knew their stuff.

That is the kind of parade we want this year and the kind of parades we are going to have, (God and the weather man willing). The date is tentative but don't be surprised if it is held on Sunday, the last day of the convention which will set another prece-

dent, with the entire Massachusetts national guard some 9,000 strong, as just one of the many contingents.

This day will symbolize the successful welding of the men of the old and new divisions into a single unit.

Every member of the YD from city, town and hamlet who can beg, borrow or steal his fare should be in Boston for the four days of the convention, and most important of all, should be in the BIG PARADE.

With Commander Rook presiding the following members of the corporation were present, when the initial meeting opened; William F. Connors, Warren Carberg, Edward J. "Knocko" McCormack, Richard P. Sullivan, John J. Riley, Albert Pacifici, Lewis Whittemore, George McDonald, Leslie Perry, Gen. Ralph A. Palladino, Louis Laliberte, Ralph M. Eastman, Albert W. Barnard, Frank Spooner, Ben James, Timothy Doherty, Guy Watts, Thomas Mackey, Edward Connor and Frank Brennan.

It was voted to add these additional names: Albert McPhee, John R. Kennedy, David Krinsky, Paul Kirk and Roger Eckfelt. After Commander Rock had withdrawn his name from the nomination, a motion was made, seconded and passed that Gen. Charles H. Cole be made president of the convention corporation. The war-time commander of the 52nd infantry brigade was unable to attend the meeting because of his wife's illness.

Ralph A. Palladino was made vice-president of the corporation and also chairman of the distinguished guests committee. Nominated for treasurer was Albert M. Pacifici.

Nominated for secretary was Frank Brennan to this important post. He is WW II.

Walter B. Grant was made Judge Advocate. The names of Anthony J. Rock and Timothy C. Doherty were presented for general chairmen. Doherty withdrew in favor of Commander Rock and accepted the position of vice-general chairman.

Edward A. Connor was elected chairman of the ways and means committee with Edward J. McCormack as co-chairman. Earl S. Eaves was made chairman of the registration committee with David Krinsky as co-chairman. Lewis S. Whittemore was elected chairman of the housing committee. Warren Carberg of the Boston Post was elected chairman of the publicity committee.

Gen. Vincent C. Breen was elected chairman of the parade committee. Ben James was elected chairman of the military ball with Albert Barnard as co-chairman. Col. John J. Riley was elected chairman of the badge committee. William F. Connors was named chairman of the banquet committee. Mrs. John Rhea was elected chairman of the Women's auxiliary committee.

It's a little early yet to discuss programs but here is the way some members of the corporation outlined the events: military ball, Friday; parade, Sunday afternoon; memorial service, Sunday morning.

Last August I was in France and Italy covering the pilgrimage led by Boston's beloved archbishop, the Most Rev. Richard J. Cushing. Old soldiers are either secretly or frankly sentimental. I am no exception. For many months I had looked forward to seeing this country where we had soldiered as kids in World War I.

I had no opportunity to visit the old battlefields or the Neufchateau, Liffol-le-Grand training area, but I saw enough to bring the old days back.

The Queen Mary put in at Cherbourg. I can't say docked because we had to be taken off in big tenders. The marks of the war are being slowly effaced with American dollars but in Cherbourg they are still very evident. We saw a great stack of American World War II dead awaiting shipment home. I hope that by this time all are resting safe under their native earth in American cemeteries where their kin and their buddies can kneel in prayerful tribute.

I thought that many of them were YD boys and I raised my hand in salute as the train moved slowly by. Those boys powerfully eloquent in their silence are the real heroes of any war and provide the power that holds the YD together for all time.

As long as there is a YD veteran alive, the name of the division will grow in strength and in repute. It is a source of considerable satisfaction to the old timers to see the way the youngsters are taking over. Regrettable it is of course to see our own energies and enthusiasms flagging just a bit. We can't take it quite as well as in the roaring twenties. If there is any hell raising to be done we'll delegate the job to the NEW CROP.

So the order of the day is: "FALL IN FOR BOSTON, 1949."

THIS MONTH'S COVER

The YD Flag waves in Maine. The front cover this month is a photograph of the flags waving in front of the summer home of Edward J. Slattery, Co. C 101st Inf. WW No. 1 at Poland Springs, Maine. Ed is now the information bureau at the Suffolk County Court House in Boston, but expects to retire soon to his home in Maine.

National Executive Committee Meeting

The last regular meeting of the National Executive Committee meeting was held at National Headquarters on Sunday, January 23, 1949.

Meeting was called to order by National Commander Turgeon with the following present.

National Treasurer gave a detailed report of the finances at the present time. Only a small balance in the regular account. He suggested that he be allowed to withdraw the money in the Life Savings Account and add it to the regular account so he could pay some current bills. Return from stamps to date $2363.00. Report accepted.

National Commander spoke on Doings and introduced Henry Deschamps a member of the Salem Chapter and a printer who is bidding for the printing of Yankee Doings. He showed some samples of his work and stated that he could give good service and that he would print an issue of 5000 copies for the sum of $17.50 per page.

After explanation of his work he retired as he had an appointment.

Chairman Jones of the Printing Committee asked to have the Committee discharged.

A MOTION was made, SECONDED and PASSED that the Printing Committee be discharged with thanks for the work done.

A MOTION was made, SECONDED and PASSED that we allow the Deschamps Bros. Printing Co. of Salem, Mass. to print Yankee Doings at the price of $17.50 per page for 5000 copies starting with the February issue.

A letter from John Farquhar requesting acceptance of his resignation from Department Commander of the East on account of his recent election to Commander of the New York Chapter.

A MOTION was made, SECONDED and PASSED that the resignation be accepted and that the office of Commander of the Department of the East be left vacant for the rest of this year.

REPORT ON Memorial Tablets: Chairman Carter explained that he had received the data to go on the new tablet. He estimated the cost to be in the vicinity of $700.00. Would like to get the date of dedication so that could be added to the tablet. Some extra masonry work will have to be done on the base before it is finished.

A MOTION was made, SECONDED and PASSED to accept the report as one of progress and for the Committee to get bids as soon as possible and bring them in to the following National Executive Committee meeting.

BUDGET REPORT: Chairman Cook asked for the committee to be discharged. A MOTION was made, SECONDED and PASSED that the Budget Committee be discharged, with thanks for the work done.

National Commander Turgeon appointed a new budget committee of Eaves, John Carter and Dell Isola.

He also appointed a Finance Committee with Ray Doucette Chairman and Jere Doherty and Austin Appleby on the committee.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

— H. Guy Watts,
National Secretary.

CHALLENGE

The Cleveland and Bristol Chapters who challenged other Chapters to donate $50.00 to the National Association has begun to bear fruit. TORRINGTON has come across with $10.00, for a small Chapter like them this is wonderful.

MANCHESTER, N. H. Chapter not only accepted the challenge, but sent $50.00, their donation which was gratefully received.

Besides the three mentioned above we have had promises from Pawtucket, New York, Providence, Worcester and Nashua: ONLY TWO MORE TO GO.

Dear Editor:

Due to the fact that I now have a change in address and given a similar position with the Bristol County Veterans Charitable Foundation, Raynham Park, Raynham, Mass., I resigned as secretary of the 101st Infantry Charitable Foundation, 25 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass., on November 26, 1948 and it was accepted by the trustees on December 23, 1948. I found out I could not serve both Foundations to the best of my ability.

In my resignation I thanked the trustees of the 101st Infantry Charitable Foundation for having given me the position of secretary at a time when I needed it most. At the time of my resignation I felt the 101st Infantry Charitable Foundation would be able to find somebody who would need the position as much as I did.

To everyone who made my term of office a pleasant one, please accept my sincere thanks. For their kindness, helpfulness and cooperation while I was secretary of the 101st Infantry Charitable Foundation I am deeply grateful.

Raynham, Mass. — Jim Powers

NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICE

As a directory of YD men in hospitals this office is having little to do. Perhaps, like the Old Guard, YD men die but never get sick.

Please let us know promptly if any member goes to hospital. A letter to the undersigned will be reflected in the next issue of "Doings".

In the meantime we are making a close follow-up of the bill which we have been pushing in Washington and with which we have had 100% co-operation from Representative John W. McCormack.

Joseph K. Surls, M.D.,
130 East End Ave.,
New York, 28, N. Y.

Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Feinberg announce the engagement of their daughter Sandra Ethel to Mr. Lawrence I. Hammer on December 28, 1948, Bronx, N. Y.

The bride-groom to be, served with Co 'K' 104th Inf. WW No. 2 and is a member of the New York Chapter.

YANKEE DOINGS GOES TO CHINA

Recently, Henry Tritton Samson, Battery C, 103rd Field Artillery W. W. I, Regional Director, Economic Cooperation Administration, Canton, China writes to his former buddy, Don G. Millar, member of the N. Y. Chapter, "I was wondering if you would take out a membership for me in the Yankee Division Veterans Association. I would like very much to receive Yankee Doings. They can send me the magazine and any other material airmail by addressing to APO 917, c/o American Consulate General, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, for the same price it would cost for airmail in the States. The YD stickers on your last letter gave me this idea."

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

National Commander: Ralph A. Turgeon, 50 Main St., Hatfield, Mass.
National Secretary: H. Guy Watts, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dep't. Commander: John Meffen, 100 Grove St., W. Springfield, Mass.
Secretary: Clyde H. Norton, 27 Kingsbury Avenue, Bradford, Mass.

STATE MEETING

On January 9th, the Department held one of its best meetings in the quarters of the Worcester Chapter.

On January 8th, Commander Meffen with Past National Sergeant-at-arms Earl Holbrook as his Sergeant-at-arms installed the officers of the Fitchburg Chapter. On January 15th, with Department Sergeant-at-arms David Hogan he installed the officers of the Springfield Chapter.

The commander tells me it looks like a Chapter in Athol in the near future.

How about some of the other places Gloucester, Plymouth, Adams, Fall River?

It would help the Mailing List if the newly elected Secretaries of the Chapters would send their names and addresses also the Commanders, to the Department Secretary.

— Clyde H. Norton.
Dept. Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS YDVA AUXILIARY

President: Mrs. Katherine Crokan
2 Pine Street, E. Longmeadow, Mass.
Secretary: Ann Valentine
1035 Sumner Avenue, Springfield, Mass.

The January meeting of the Department of Massachusetts Yankee Division Veteran's Association Auxiliary was held in Worcester on January 9th. We had a very nice attendance and a VERY interesting meeting. Several Ladies from Worcester joined us at this meeting and judging from the PEP TALK from our President on NEW AUXILIARIES, I am sure the Worcester Ladies will do a lot of THINKING about that NEW Auxiliary.

Holyoke is well on its way — in fact on Wednesday, January 19th they will nominate and elect their officers, and shortly after should be legally installed.

New officers are beginning to take over the various Auxiliaries — in Haverhill, Florence Tarlton was installed as President on January — in Springfield, Lorretta Huntley was installed as President on January 15th and Helen Rea will be installed as President in Boston, on January 26th. Good Luck and best wishes to all new officers. We sincerely hope that you will have a wonderful year. — "CARRY ON."

By the way — Who is the "WILD IRISH ROSE" in our midst?

— Mrs. Katherine Crokan, *President.*
— Ann Valentine, *Secretary.*

BOSTON

Commander: Anthony J. Rock
22 Blagden St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

The January Smoker was one of the best attended of any for many moons. Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, John Dennihan had the Marines with us with their movies of "The landings at Tarawa and Iwo Jima". Many strange faces were noticed, so a change of Entertainment must have been just what we needed. That, together with the attraction of our new beautiful Cocktail Room, which is attracting the members. Our meeting Hall is attracting many Veterans organizations for their monthly meetings.

The January Smoker was also the Annual Preparatory meeting for the Club Nominating Committee: The following were elected for the Nominating Committee: Edward A. Connor, Reginald A. Maurer, George Johnson, Walter E. Burke, David Krinsky. Alternates: John J. Kelly, Walter Sullivan, Frank Coppinger, Malcolm Morrison, Fred O. White.

The Convention Corporation was also formed and a special article covers that in this issue.

RALPH MORRISON, Co 'B', 101st Inf. World War II, now a police officer of the Brookline Police Department, proved himself a hero once more when he dashed into a burning building in Brookline and brought out a man through the smoke. Then on finding there was another one in the building he returned and was overcome by smoke and had to be rescued by other officers. He was sent to the hospital, but recovered and is back on duty.

DANVERS

Commander: Earle G. Pauley
111 Sylvan St., Danvers, Mass.
Secretary: Charles W. Davis
21 Holten St., Danvers, Mass.

Danvers Chapter had nothing to report for December since no meeting was held due to the holiday, and our regular meeting night has been taken for the past twenty years by another organization. However, we had our January meeting last night, January 19th, and we had thirty-eight out. We had our usual good time social hour, chicken supper, and movies. Our regular cameraman, Frank Cook, was called away on business, but we called in another good friend of the YD for movies, Ray Funchion, a teacher in the high school. He gave us a fine show. Our other cameraman, Everett Elliot, was not available, either, being in the hospital. We have some good friends of the YD in this town. We had as guests Selectman Walter Morse, Commander Jackson VFW, Past Commander of the VFW John Collins, Gil Cass, Boy Russell and Emmett Dunn, guest of the Travis Boys from Peabody. Proc Perley, guest of Paul Aiken, Jim Tiplady, an old time VFW comrade of mine, and Carl Eaton who has been a member ever since we started, showed up. This was Carl's first appearance in quite a while. Come more often, Carl. Bill Spence, one of the Turks from Peabody, also showed up and spent the evening with the rest of his gang from the Battery, plus Bill Davis and "Uncle Sam's Carrier Pigeon", Charlie Fossa. We have now fifty paid up members and a swell bunch of YD boys. I don't know as I have anything more to write about, but please don't cut down in this. I am on the carpet since the boys want Yankee Doings. For those who can't get enough of goings on in the Danvers Chapter, all I say is, "Come to the meetings."

— Charles Davis.

FITCHBURG

Commander: Bronislaw Amastae
92 Heywood St., Fitchburg, Mass.
Secretary: Victor Bean
405 Summer St., Fitchburg, Mass.

The annual installation of officers of the Fitchburg Chapter YDVA was held on Saturday evening, January 8, at the Fitchburg Elk's home. Over 100 members of the local chapter attended this affair which is the highlight of our social season, and as usual it was a huge success. Among the invited guests were dignitaries from both the State and National organization. State Dept. Commander John Meffen performed the installation ritual and did a swell job. John is a brother of our own Jimmy Meffen who this year holds down the chair of Senior Vice Commander.

The evening started off with a chicken pie dinner, all you could eat, and after the installation ritual

we were entertained with Army and Navy films shown by personnel from the local recruiting offices.

This was our first chance as a unit to become acquainted with the new National Commander Ralph Turgeon, and we were impressed with his sincerity and aggressiveness. He was the principal speaker of the evening and he gave us an outline of the plans of the National Organization. Other speakers were Past National Commander Fred Jones, State Dept. Comm. of AMVETS Edward Terry, and His Honor the Mayor of Fitchburg George Stanton, who is also a member of our Chapter.

Here is a lineup of the newly elected officers for the coming year: Commander, Bronislaw Amastae, W. W. II; Senior Vice Commander, James Meffen, W. W. I; Junior Vice Commander, James A. Smith, W. W. II; Secretary, Victor Bean, W. W. II; Treasurer, Robert O'Brien, W. W. I; Chaplain, Elvio Ruberti, W. W. II.

One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation by Comm. Turgeon of the Past Chapter Commanders Medal to Dick Stapely, who was our Commander during the year 1947.

— Jimmy Smith.

LYNN

Commander: Leonard G. Burnham
284 Chestnut St., Lynn, Mass.
Secretary: Edmond Trudell
67 Howard St., Lynn, Mass.

Our Christmas Season was the Biggest success ever. Our Christmas Raffle went over the top bigger than ever and donations too were fine. With the money, we put on a bang-up show at Chelsea Soldiers Home Hospital on the nite of December 22nd. We also presented boxes full of useful articles and good things to eat to all YD men at the hospital and also boxes and cigarettes were delivered or sent to all our members on the sick list. In charge was P.N.C. A. Raymond Doucette who was ably assisted by William Eddows, Eustis Grimes, Charles Scanlon, Walter Smith, William Crosby, Edwin Street, S.V.C., Commander Leonard Burnham, Edmond Trudell, Charles Benway and Leslie Pugh. The Duke was master of ceremonies and the show consisted of Elda Angelucci and her 10 accordionists, Dorothy Strickland Buffalino and Brenda in songs and impersonations and Margie Nichols and her troupe of singers dancers and comedians. Show made a big hit and Staff of Hospital say it was best of the year.

At a recent meeting Sheldon Goodwin, W. W. II veteran, was elected as Sgt.-at-Arms and he is a real enthusiastic YD man with a lot of spirit and we know he will do a good job.

Chapter recently voted to endorse Congressman Thomas Lane's bill to name the West Roxbury Vet's Hospital — The William P. Connery Veteran's Hospital.

Our monthly smokers, the last Tuesday of each month are still going strong. At our last one we had F.B.I. operator Dick Sullivan give us a fine talk along with movies.

On our sick list at the present time are: Francis Guindon at Bay Pines Vet's Hosp., Florida; Edgar Barnes, 43 Pearson St., Saugus; William Goodwin, Chelsea Soldiers Home Hosp., Chelsea; Frank Kelley, 96 Marianna St., Lynn; Henry Graham, 63 Linwood Rd., Lynn; Lawrence Ethier, 25 Fann Bar Ave., Winthrop; SVC Edwin Streeter, 233 Broadway, Lynn.

— The Duke.

NEW BEDFORD

Commander: Ernest G. Parker
15 Priscilla St., New Bedford, Mass.
Secretary: Dester D. DuBois
106 Arnold St., New Bedford, Mass.

Louie Marcoux, reported for the Drum Corps and also of the swell Christmas Party for the members of the Drum Corps, the kids danced to the music of a juke box, a very good floor show, ice cream, cake and soda was served, plenty for all, and everybody received a present from Santa Claus and all the members of the Corps were very much elated over the whole affair.

The YD deserves much credit for the Corps, to have kept it going all these years. They work hard practising each week and are out parading in all events, and no one parades with them outside of the Committee. The Committee guiding the children of our Drum Corps put in their time rehearsing and practising every Tuesday and the good benefits derived by the children cannot be figured in dollars and cents and for what little the Corps has cost the YDVA, is nothing, compared to the shows the Drum Corps has put on, whenever they parade. And I say again Comrades, the Committee that has kept the Corps alive, deserves much credit and praise. Tell me, is there any reason why the members can not stand behind such a committee, come on fellow's let's at least give a word of praise to our committee.

Your dues will be due and you can help your officers by paying your dues early.

There is also the question of W. W. II boys, about

450 in New Bedford, if we could get half of them into our Chapter we could have new and young ideas. Our quarters could make a nice Club House. Why don't you think this over and come down and let's know what you think should be done. Don't leave everything to a handful of men to do everything. I personally don't want to see this Chapter die out, because, there is nothing I enjoy any more than to go down to the YD and to see the boys who are fast becoming OLD TIMERS. Many have passed on and we miss them, so meeting some of the old timers it is indeed a pleasure and I will enjoy seeing the boys as long as my health holds out.

News received about New Year that Jack Barrett, who for three or four weeks had been working at the Star Store as Santa Claus and causing some many happy moments for the children that came there to see him and to tell him what they wanted the most. Comrade Jack Barrett suffered an attack of pneumonia.

Don't forget, send in your dues early and if you know of any sick comrade call Bill Barter.

— Dester D. Dubois.

SALEM

Commander: Maxime Perry
20 Perry St., Salem, Mass.
Secretary: Ernest J. Pelletier
22 Mt. Vernon St., Peabody, Mass.

Silly sayings from Salem:

Not much new in Salem. Regular meetings, second and last Sunday afternoons, due to the Blitz card tables in the quarters we don't have much chance to play penne ante.

Last Sunday afternoon the Ladies' Auxiliaries held a belated Christmas party for our sons and daughters, and grandchildren, and what a Santa Claus we had. Machine Gun Perry our commander, he looks natural with the long whiskers. There were about 60 children for Comm. Perry to give out gifts to.

Last meeting we had a long lost brother in attendance, none other than Gene Geary, come oftener Gene.

Somebody reported that our old top kick of Bat. E 101st F. A. Ed. Calhoun of Beverly Farms, was on the sick list. Come on Ed. perk up, maybe C. C. Pills and aspirins will help.

Next month will be nomination of Officers, nothing stirring yet.

Fred. Galipoli, one of our new members showed up at one of our meetings.

John Burbine of Melrose way, started to come regular, but he also has been missing at the last two meetings.

Our smiling mail man of Peabody Ernie Pelletier, who is our secretary, is the hardest working guy in Salem and Peabody. He delivers mail to the females, and keeps them smiling, and keeps our quarters in trim for the Blitz, etc. and keeps us smiling.

— Donald Duck Thibault.

SPRINGFIELD

Commander: Luther D. Hackett
13 Shaine Circle, Springfield, Mass.
Secretary: John J. Mitchell
9 Rathbun St., Springfield, Mass.

Officers of the Springfield Chapter and Auxiliary were installed at the Hotel Kimball on January 15th, 1949, before an array of national officers, city officials and veteran's representatives.

Among the visiting dignitaries at the banquet, installation and dance were YDVA National Commander and Mrs. Ralph A. Turgeon, National Sgt.-at-Arms and Mrs. L. Powers Fulton, Mayor and Mrs. Daniel B. Brunton and State Dept. Commander John Meffen who conducted the installation ceremony ably assisted by State Dept. Sgt.-at-Arms David D. Hogan. Other visiting dignitaries were Dept. of the East, Commander John W. Farquhar, and National Historian John Goss.

Chairman Brunton and his committee are to be congratulated on the fine job they did. It was one of the finest installations ever held.

There were also representatives from the New York chapter, Holyoke, New Haven, and Northampton chapters. Also the Fitchburg chapter and quite a few others that we didn't manage to catch the commanders of. Past National Commander ..... Dunlap and Past State Dept. Commander Ed. Maley sent congratulatory telegrams to Luther and new officers.

We had our annual New Year's Eve Party which was a howling success. "Doc" Andrews and his committee of Bob Phelps, Frank Regnier, Tom Chadderton, Joe Liquori, Bill Accorsi, Bill Fisher, Frank May, Jack Wiley, and Ed. O'Connor did a swell job. The feed was just about the best put out in the entire city. Festivities got under way about 8 p.m. and continued until the wee hours of the early morning.

Old faces among the re-ups for the coming year were Harold S. Clark, Med. Det., Frank May, Co. I,

and Lawrence K. Sherman, Co. K. All were 104th Inf. of W. W. I. Glad to see you again fellows.

New members who joined for the coming year and who hadn't been in before include: W. W. I — 104th. Reg., Harold Evans; Wm. B. Haggins, Co. B.; Stanley G. Kibbets; Wm. Morris, Co. B.; and Ed. J. White, Co. K. W. W. II men were: 104th. Reg., John B. Hourihan, Co. H.; Wm. J. Kelliher, Co. B.; Charles J. Kos, Cos. C. and A.; Nelson Longley, Serv. Co., who was also in Serv. Co. of the 328th. and Clarence H. Prindle, Co. I, 328th. You last year members, your dues are payable now. What say you come down and pay them and bring along another new member at the same time. And at the same time let us know your ideas on our new meeting nights — the first and third Tuesdays of each month. If this reaches you in time the second meeting will be on Tues., Feb. 15th, at 8:00 P.M. Drop around and meet your buddies.

That's all for this month and DON'T FORGET THOSE DUES.

— John Mitchell.

WORCESTER
Commander: Henry Contois
17 Knox St., Worcester, Mass.
Secretary: Kenneth E. Erickson
1 Wall St. Ter., Worcester, Mass.

Well, comrades our drive on membership is now here. Your dues for 1949 are now due and I'd like you to know what we are losing members every year. Each year our total membership grows smaller and smaller. It really is surprising that with the hundreds of W. W. II YD men we really have only a small handful that belong to the YDVA. Come on, boys, let's get paid up. Lt. Col. Edwin Noyes wants to be remembered to all his friends in the YDVA. Perhaps he would like to hear from some of his buddies, if so his address is:

DCS/INT HQ. USAFE
APO 633 c/o N. Y., N. Y.

Please don't do what I did. I've been sending him cards addressed to Mr. Edwin Noyes. Wow — I hang my head in shame, so long for now.

— Ken Erickson.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dep't. Commander: Michael J. Dell Isola, 34 Park Ave., Nashua, N. H.
Secretary: John Cheeson, Ashland St., Nashua, N. H.

CONCORD
Commander: Leo Vigue
172 North State St., Concord, N. H.
Secretary: George C. Dupont
61 Center St., Concord, N. H.

The Concord Chapter reorganized last fall and has lost one of its members already. Charles E. Heath who died December 25, 1948 was buried here in Concord and pall bearers were all YD men. They were: Thomas F. Edwards, Henry Cheney, Ralph Scott, Lee Cushing, George Woods and Commander Vigue. He served with the Machine Gun Co., 103rd Inf. W. W. I.

Now that the holidays are over we will get on the ball and put the Chapter on a par with other Chapters in the Department. We have a lively Commander in Leo Vigue and also Vice Commander Sullivan is one of the best workers.

— Geo. Dupont.

MANCHESTER
Commander: Martin V. B. Colby
R. F. D. #1, Manchester, N. H.
Secretary: Walter E. Moulton
144 Blodgett St., Manchester, N. H.

The last meeting of the Chapter was Buddies Night featuring a spaghetti supper and an address by George Christie, local radio announcer. The meeting was held at the Manchester Post A. L. headquarters.

John Dunlap was named chairman of the nominating committee during the business meeting and Gene Dugas, Karl Byam, Henry Paris and Dr. Forest Drury were named on the committee.

Mr. Paris was named chairman of the memorial committee, after the chapter voted to conduct annual memorial services at Lt. Harriman on Memorial Day. Mr. Byam was put in charge of the annual reunion to be held in April.

Comrade Thomas Edmunds is now out of the hospital and back to work.

Comrade Jack Taylor has been admitted to the Veterans Hospital at White River Jct., Vt.

Comrade Jim (Scotty) Blair still talks of his twin grandsons and is very proud of them.

— Walter E. Moulton.

NASHUA

A testimonial dinner will be held by the Nashua Chapter for National Commander, Ralph A. Turgeon at Bill McNulty's new restaurant, Milford Rd., Nashua, N. H. The dinner will be held in the Rose Room.

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Dep't. Commander: Albert J. Shabbott, 118 Bagley St., Central Falls, R. I.
Dep't. Secretary: Howard W. Hunt, 25 Greene St., Pawtucket, R. I.

STATE MEETING

The first meeting of the Department of Rhode Island, YDVA, for 1949 was held at Apremont Chapter's new quarters, Church St., and Park Place, Pawtucket, R. I., on Monday evening, January 17th. Commander Shabbott presided.

One of the largest gatherings since the department was formed turned out; over eighty YD men and their ladies were on hand to enjoy an evening of good fellowship and comradeship. We were especially honored by the presence of National Commander, Ralph A. Turgeon who was making his official visitation at the invitation of the department. We were also very glad to welcome our good friends PDC. Gardiner H. Hall and Mrs. Hall of South Willington, Conn. It's always good to see the old timers who have run the gauntlet turn out and give the newer lads a hand.

After a short business session by Apremont Chapter, YDVA, Commander Homer Poirier turned the gavel over to Commander Shabbott for the conduct of business by the R. I. Dept. There were two items of unfinished business that were waiting for attention; the presentation of a slate of Officers for the Dept., for 1949-50 and the presentation of a Constitution and By-Laws for the consideration of the body. Chairman Guy Kittredge of the Dept. Nominating committee reported a rather hectic meeting of that committee in trying to find a group of YD men who would and could fill the various offices for the ensuing year. It seems each Chapter has their favorites and whether qualified or not, try to work out a deal whereby their favorite can be nominated. Finally after a hot and lengthy session the nominating committee agreed upon the following: Commander, Pete Bourget, Apremont Chapter; Sr. Vice Comm., Francis Dunn, Providence Chapter; Jr. Vice Comm., John Mallon, Apremont Chapter; Chaplain, James Dyson, Kent County Chapter; Treasurer, John R. Moran, Apremont Chapter; Secretary, Howard W. Hunt, Providence Chapter; Historian, Herbert Murray, Apremont Chapter; Judge Advocate, Edwin M. Mara, Providence; Trustees, open.

After the nominations had been presented Jim Dyson gets up and declines to run for Chaplain. He wants to be Commander, or nothing. Ain't that som'th'in! Kent County Chapter always seems to be in the middle. Let's hope they won't get burned too severely. After considerable discussion the office of Chaplain was left open until the next meeting.

The Department of Rhode Island has at last adopted a Constitution and By-Laws to govern the body. They were prepared by Dept. Secretary Hunt and a committee of five P.D. Commanders: Kelly, Olson, Bergin, Bourget and Hunt went over them with a fine tooth comb, made a few changes, added a paragraph or two and then presented them for adoption. They were unanimously adopted.

P.D.C. Carl G. Olson was finally presented with his P.D.C. Badge 1946-47. National Commander Turgeon made the presentation. Carl made a very fitting and appropriate reply.

The highlight of the evening was the address by our National Commander. Ralph took for his subject — "Where do we go from here?" He dwelt at some length on the potential membership of the YD, citing figures and facts; he told of the necessity of adequate funds to run our Association and he said that we could not possibly run our Association as it should be run, on less than a membership of 7500. He told of the condition of our finances when he took over as National Commander and of how the National Executive Committee has been working hard, also many of the members have been working hard, to raise the money to pay on our debts and to be able to at least pay our current bills as we go along. This we are now doing. Ralph said that he would like to turn over his gavel to the next National Commander, whoever he might be, and tell him he had a substantial balance in the bank to start off his year.

In closing Ralph paid tribute to those YD men who have served him so faithfully and have given him 100% co-operation. Without such support he could have gone nowhere. It was a most inspiring talk. The best part of it was, that every bit of his speech was straight from the shoulder. He meant what he said and vice versa. The Association is fortunate to have been able to get Ralph to serve as its National Commander for he surely has demonstrated his ability to lead, to direct men and get results Thanks Ralph for a swell address.

— Howard W. Hunt,
Dept. Secretary.

PROVIDENCE

Commander: Wilfred M. Bresette
84 Lexington Ave., Providence, R. I.
Secretary: Howard W. Hunt
25 Greene St., Pawtucket, R. I.

Chapter meets first Wednesday of each month. YD visitors welcome.

The Annual Past Commanders night of Providence Chapter, YDVA, was held January 5th, 1949. All but four of the Past Commanders were on hand. Those present were P.C.'s Larry Cook, Jack Kelly, David Davidson, Edwin Mara, Bob Murray, Francis Dunn, Ralph Whitman and Walter Vickery. Absentees were P.C.'s Bill Mulcahey and Mike Crescenzo. Two of our P.C.'s have passed on, Ray Taylor and Henry McCarthy and the gathering stood in silence for thirty seconds in tribute to each man.

It was a big turnout. Forty-six YD men, good and true showed up and since this was an open meeting, we were honored by the presence of twelve of the ladies of the boys. A nice entertainment and collation followed the meeting.

Commander Bresette announced that at our March meeting, (Wednesday the 2nd), National Commander Ralph A. Turgeon will make his official visitation to the Chapter. Because we are to be honored by our National Commander a committee consisting of Larry Cook, chairman; Bunny Hunt, Dave Davidson, Ralph Whitman, and Walt Vickery was appointed to make arrangements for this special occasion. Let me say that every last member of Providence Chapter, YDVA, should make a real effort to attend this meeting. As the National Commander's Special Assistant I have had the privilege and pleasure of working very closely with him; I have heard him talk and believe you me, it's straight from the shoulder. Ralph has what it takes to be a good National Commander and he is working hard for the welfare of this, YOUR Association. Come out and meet him, hear him talk about the accomplishments of the Association since his election. It will do your heart good and you will leave the meeting feeling much better too. Let's have a good crowd on hand to welcome the best National Commander we have had in years.

At the February meeting a Nominating committee consisting of Ralph Whitman, Chairman; Walt Vickery, Jack Kelly, Mike Crescenzo and Hugh Meehan will bring in a slate of Officers for the year 1949-50. Election will be held in March followed by the installation in April.

At long last the "Buy a Home" bug has bitten quite a number of the members. The talk is more than rumor. It looks as though plans are in the making, if a suitable place can be found. Come out to the meeting and express your views on this important subject. To function as an information and advisory committee to obtain and bring in data, Commander Bresette has appointed Larry Cook, Chairman; Walt Vickery, Ralph Whitman, Bill Soban, Lawrence Paolino, Jack Mitchell, Guy Kittredge, Fred Grandchamp, Bunny Hunt, Ed Mara and Bob Eley. If this array of bigwigs can't dig up a home — well we might as well quit.

The Kitty is growing and a drawing is held at every meeting. Archie Akin missed out on $25. by not being on hand. Scotty Dunn won the $5. Before Scotty could claim title, Clint Briggs, Ray Thompson, Stuart Brown, Dunc. Turner, Mark Rancourt, Gerald Hanley, Albert Smith, Don Babcock and Langdon Hill had their names drawn. All were absent.

By this time next month your Secretary will have the new due cards ready. How about getting the jump on other Chapter's and have a substantial number of re-ups in by April 1st. The early bird catches the worm you know.

— Howard W. Hunt.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Dep't. Commander: Franklin Wadsworth, 11 Greenman St., Westerly, R. I.
Dep't. Secretary: H. Leroy Woodcock, 94 Elmwood Ave., Waterbury, Conn.

STATE MEETING

Meeting called to order by Commander Wadsworth at 3:40 P.M.

Commander Wadsworth invited the following to a seat on the rostrum: Commander Hugh Marron of Norwalk Chapter, National Commander Ralph A. Turgeon, Fred Brown of N. Y. Chapter, National Sgt-at-Arms Lewis P. Fulton, Jack Farquhar, Commander Elect of N. Y. Chapter, and Box Dixon of New York. PNC Al Herman, PNC Ben Bourne, PDC Fred Hirsch, and Jack Carter were also invited, but wished to remain on the floor.

PDC Fred Hirsch reported on Welfare Fund.

PDC John Carter reported on Who's Who in YD. Most of the work is done, but there are a few more loose ends to pick up. The principal one is to see what can be done about those YD Markers that are still held by people who have no connection with

YD. PDC Carter asked if there was some person or persons who would pay for the ad on the cover of the new Who's Who in YD, which would pay for the printing of the book. Fred Hirsch mentioned someone's names in New Haven who had offered to pay for this ad. Am sorry I didn't get the party's name. PNC's Al Herman and Ben Bourne also made some remarks regarding YD Markers.

Commander Wadsworth appointed your Secretary H. Leroy Woodcock chairman of the Nominating Committee which, according to our By-Laws, is appointed in January. The Committee consists of the Commanders of the chapters.

February meeting in Meriden, place to be announced.

March meeting in Hartford, place to be announced.

April meeting in New London, place to be announced.

— H. Leroy Woodcock,
Secretary.

NEW HAVEN

Commander: Albert E. Lindgren
Brunswick Cottage, Indian Neck, Branford, Conn.
Secretary: Edgar F. Coulombe
28 Kensington St., New Haven, Conn.

The Christmas Remembrance Social held December 18th, at the Chapter Quarters turned out to be one of the finest parties we have had in many years.

How could it miss with the arrangements in the hands of the old master himself, Commander Al Lindgren. The eating and "tea drinking" part was in the excellent control of Ray Cooper and thru the rapid service of Al Monnemy everyone had plenty to eat. Entertainment supplied thru our Chapter's friend Ernie Ledger and his School of Dance was all that could be desired. The fact that the party didn't break up until early morning, should be the tip-off to those not there that they surely missed something good.

The proceeds of the Christmas Party by a vote of the Chapter, were to be devoted to one of our own instead of one of the organized Charities as in the past. This detail was taken care of by the Commander to the complete satisfaction of members present when his report was read.

The Chapter has been saddened by the death of our Historian George E. Collver, which occured on December 7th. Services were conducted by the Chaplain, Ray Cooper assisted by Commander Lindgren. Comrade Collver was visited by his former Captain (Co. D. 102nd. Inf.) now Rev. Daniel Strickland during his last illness.

Also during the year we lost two other comrades, Corp. George Hampton (Co. B. 102nd Inf.) who died July 17th, and Major Waldo Ashley whose death was reported in last months "Doings."

The New Haven Chapter continues to live up to its name as "Livest." We have improved our financial standing and membership is satisfactory tho there are far too many of the boys on the not paid up list. As "delinquents" it is up to them to contribute.

— Gene.

BRISTOL

MONT SEC CHAPTER

Commander: Joseph B. Peters
P. O. Box #242, Plainville, Conn.
Secretary: Will N. Salladin
153 Goodwin St., Bristol, Conn.

The Chapter held its January meeting at the YD Camp in Plainville. The ladies put on a home cooked supper with Mrs. Karl Chase as Chairman, did a wonderful job with the assistance of the rest of the Committee. Each member brought a gift for a lady and the ladies brought one for the men. After much swapping around, I wound up with a Red tie that you could flag a train with. There was one damper to the affair: We had just returned from the funeral services of Ralph Fox. Six YD men in uniform acted as Pall bearers.

The Chapter voted to send a check of $50.00 to the State Dept. for the Len Maloney Fund.

The Chapter was also one of the first to donate a check of $5.00 to the local March of Dimes campaign.

— Bill Salladin.

NORWALK

Commander: Hugh Marron
19 Harbor Ave., Norwalk, Conn.
Secretary: Albert W. Herman
3 Alden Ave., E. Norwalk, Conn.

Yankee Doings reached Norwalk this P. M., January 19, 1949.

After reading from cover to cover I was satisfied that I belong to the best veterans organization in the world.

Donald Duck Thibault of Salem is always right, and he talks straight from the heart, a real YD.

The picture on page one showing YD Memorial Church at Belleau is a real monument to every one of us in YDVA living or dead, and we must continue to support and help the upkeep as long as there is a YDVA.

And so turning page after page I find that our organization is hard at work keeping YD alive.

I noticed that some of our larger chapters are planning annual dinners for the month of February. Hartford and New York chapters will go all out to give the boys a good time, as long as our chapters throughout the USA take an interest in chapter affairs, there always will be a YDVA.

On page 4, I see that the ladies auxiliary of the Dept. of Mass. have organized, lots of luck girls.

Just about through reading the Detroit news, and with the mention of beer and more beer, I had to walk slowly down the steps to the old dug out and have one myself. Jack Guittaud made some Santa, I know I was on a few gatherings with the old boy, he is a swell guy.

And so I've reached page 13, — Taps — may they rest in peace.

And now I will hand Yankee Doings over to Sue, let her get the same kick out of reading it as I did.

And now I will try and give you a blow by blow description of what Norwalk is doing in YDVA.

Last Sunday, the Norwalk chapter entertained the State Dept. at a state meeting, the chapter and auxiliary cooperated and worked hard to give the State Dept. a good turnout. The State Dept. received some real publicity via newspapers and radio. Many thanks to our hard working national commander for paying us a visit. It was good to see those Yankees come down from NYC. All in all it made a real nice crowd.

In closing I want to make this appeal to our outpost members, in Danbury and Millertown, N. Y., even tho we don't see you fellows much of late, drop us a line and tell us your troubles, or better still drop into the old dugout and surprise us. Happy New Year every body.

— A. W. H.

TORRINGTON

Secretary: Eman V. Carragnew

We of Certilleux Chapter would like to help defray the expenses incurred publishing Yankee Doings with this $10.00 donation. It's a small sum, we know, but we're a small chapter.

We feel confident that the sale of stamps and contributions from various chapters will remove the YD deficit.

Also, please accept the $4.00 enclosed with the two membership cards. We're still picking up stragglers.

— Eman V. Carragnew.

WINDHAM COUNTY

Commander: Nelson G. Wraight
99 Lafayette St., Norwich, Conn.
Secretary: Gardiner H. Hall
South Willington, Conn.

Off again—On again—yes its been a long time since this corner gave out any news. Why — because there isn't too much and secondly the uncertainty of getting space in "Doings" due to cutting it down. This latter is due to be OK before long, so here goes. Nothing alarming. Had a nice Past Commander Nite in September, about 170 attended. Good turnout of YD for this. Usually Stag got a hunch this will take in the ladies another year. Meetings have been good during the Fall. Small turnouts but no worse than a year ago. Some of you "old timers" must be really getting old. Don't see you any more. Same old crew is keeping and holding the Fort Holding it for you fellows who don't get around. Commander Wraight has been right on the ball since last April doing nicely. Goes out this coming April. Bob Frailey another "youngster" is due to take over. Pat Haggerty is due to step up to Senior Vice. Haven't seen Pat in some time. How come. We need you around Pat, how about it. Election killed our November meeting only three showing up the night before. December was good and the Gang got back into harness. December-Christmas Party was much of a success not too good in numbers tho we did have 22 present. Gifts were exchanged and all had a swell time. Highlights of this party was Sam O'Neil's crunching molars killing off a nice piece of "Crow" or at least so Sam said. Crow or no Crow he came out on top. Present also was Harold Gray whom we see too little of and a good prospect for an officer of this chapter. How about a shot at it Harold. Harold's son who is a Lieut. in the Air Force has been home on leave. Present too was Mrs. Ezeb Lapn and son Donald. Sure was glad to see them out again. The "Mrs." and son and daughter have recently moved from Willimantic and bought a farm in Chaplin. Donald is going in for dairying.

Another guest was Mrs. Grover Harlow and son of Storrs. Glad to see these folks out. Another year has started, wonder what it holds for us all. Let's make the best of it in all ways possible — One way, men, is to pledge yourselves to give a little more cooperation and a wee bit more time to YD. Membership is lagging. About the same as last year but not enough. How about contacting these old timers, those who are on the outside. Because our National Association is stronger today than ever before, now IS the time for all of us to pull in our belts and get

going. You members please get those Dues in Early this year. Start em coming right now. April first starts our new YD year, pay up before that date . . . Please. Plan now for our Annual Installation of Officers which will be in April. More dope on this before that time. Officers will be nominated in February — Elected in March and put into office in April. We have had a good year BUT we want a better one in 1949. We expect all of you boys to re-up promptly and then go after any YD man whom you know and bring him in also. Happy New Year men and may it be prosperous and productive both from a business angle and from a YD angle as well.

— G. H. Hall.

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

East: Commander: John W. Farquhar, 75 Woodbine St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Middle West: Commander: Edmund D. O'Connell, 7919 South Union Ave., Chicago, Ill.

BALTIMORE

Commander: Nelson A. Wright
1601 Pentwood Road, Baltimore, Md.
Secretary: George P. Harris
3940 Cloverhill Rd., Baltimore, Md.

Report from the sunny South! There robins were — wot 't hell, you were down here and know all about our tropical winter. In spite of the balmy sunshine and cool invigorating nights, most of our eager beavers stay holed up instead of getting out to meetings.

The same little crowd every time, all loyal YDers and good fellows. Had a fair evening with Pete Edmunds at his home in Curtis Bay last Thursday and were a bit shy of our usual quota. George Sisson had to work and Chuck Collins slipped up. 'Smatter, Chuck? Anyway we had a good time and always look forward to a bigger turnout the next time. Received your letter and that of Michael Perez and immediately wrote him to step around to our next affair.

I see by the mag. that Tom Johansen made the trip to Denver safely and is now with them in the "Rocky Mountain" Chapter. Good luck to him. I was sorry to learn of "Teddy" Kirkman's death in Cheshire. The boys will miss him around the Meriden scene. A right fine chap, and the only man I ever knew who could stick around all night at a convention, having a barrel of fun, on nothing stronger than a "coke" and a cigar.

This coming year, I hope, will be a lot more active on the Baltimore sector than the one just past.

— George Harris.

DENVER

"Rocky Mountain Chapter"
Commander: Arthur G. Vetter
Ayres Hotel, Denver 3, Colo.
Secretary: Randell E. Ericson
832 Poplar St., Denver, Colo.

Ben. Harmon, (Mch. Gun Co. 103 Inf.), after a long absence, was present at our January meeting. Ben is a member of the home board of the Stewart Post of the VFW where our meetings are held.

Ericson (Co. K 101st Inf.), is attending night school and because of this left early. Ellis also of K Co. 101st Inf. recently made a large wooden YD which marks our table in the dining room. Our belated public thanks for this fine job, Sgt. Leask. (Co. C 114th Med. Bn.), was the only one of the Fitzsimons gang present. It was good to see Ray Norton (A Btry. 101st F. A.) again. Ray is attending the Mid-west Bowling Tournament to be held at Dallas, Texas in February.

Tursick (G Co 104th Inf.), was present but Hull of the same outfit was A.W.O.L.

Bob McLaughlin (Hdq. Co. 103rd Inf.), who is living at Whipple, Arizona, writes us thanking us for the Christmas gift which we sent him. Pinnt (Co. B 102nd Inf.), former orderly of General Edwards sends in his dues and a letter from Grand Junction. Absent and missed were Dr. James I. Morris (B Btry. 103rd F. A.) and "Rocky" (102nd Mch Gun Bn.)

LOS ANGELES

(Southern California Chapter)
Commander: Fred M. Montgomery
6114 Mesa Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.
Secretary: George K. Mitchell
824 Cresthaven Dr., Los Angeles, Calif.

The cold and unusual weather that Southern California has had quite a spell of this winter affected the January meeting of the Los Angeles Chapter. Not enough of the members were willing to venture out against the frigid blasts so we failed to have the required quorum present to hold a meeting.

In February we expect to have Roland Hussey give us another interesting talks on his experiences while serving with the State Department during the last war and hope for a good turn-out to hear him.

— G. K. M.

NEW YORK

"Knickerbocker Chapter"
Commander: Dr. Joseph K. Surls
130 East End Avenue, New York 28, N. Y.
Treasurer: C. Alfred Kjelleren
20 Edwards Street, Baldwin, New York

"Field Artillery Night", on January 13th, was appreciated by all and even brought a telegram of regret from one of the heavies, John W. Morgan, (103rd F. A., W. W. I), who could not make it.

Regimental nights will be resumed in March. There will be none in February because of The Installation Dinner, when we welcome our new officer staff — C. D. E. Jack Farquhar as Chapter Commander and his associates, Mike Justinowitz, Joe McCarthy, John Copley, PDC Fred Brown, Kermit Kalmer, John Babich and Buck O'Brien. The trustees will be Joe Surls. PDC Bill Cowie, Howie Clark, Al Kjelleren and Hugh Bushell.

And YOU, Comrade — from Old New England and everywhere else — come to Old New York to join us on Saturday, February 19th. (See our advertisement on the last page.)

— Robert J. Daly.

ST. LOUIS

(Mid-western Division of U. S. Dept.)
Missouri Chapter
Commander: Ted Curtiss, WWII
4398 W. Pine Blvd., St. Louis 8, Mo.
Secretary: Fred Freeman
5542 South 37th St., St. Louis, Mo.

Our meeting this month was not very well attended. The weather turned very bad the morning of the meeting. Ice covered all trees and wires in one of our worst ice storms. Transportation was not very dependable, so most of the fellows couldn't make it. However we are looking forward to a much better meeting next month.

I want to apologize for getting the "St. Louis Chapter News" out so late. The ditto machine broke down, as well as my typewriter.

It's about time for all of us to be thinking about our 1949 membership. Let's have the dues ready and start lining up some new members for this year. We have a known potential of twenty five plus a group of men that came to the division as replacements.

Andy Gerwitz will be back with us next meeting His night school class on Tuesdays and Thursdays will be finished. Fred Freeman graduates the end of this month and won't have to worry about exams any more. That means that two of our old standby's will be back at our meetings.

— Ted Curtiss.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Commander: Carl C. Redinger
1329 Tuckerman St., N. W., Wash., D. C.
Sec.-Treas. Carl T. Newcomb, Jr.
2148 O St., N. W., Wash., D. C.

The indoor season of the Washington, D. C. Chapter has been somewhat unsettled this year due to the temporary loss of our former regular meeting place. The situation has changed for the better, however, and it is almost certain that we shall again be able to meet at the District of Columbia American Legion club house for the remaining winter and the coming spring months.

Our December meeting was held at the Cheverly, Maryland American Legion Clubhouse, thanks to comrades Stearns and Ken Cooper, and we had quite a turn-out. The following comrades attended: Capt. Collin Bushway, Charles Conklin, who is now in the Navy and currently stationed in Washington, Lt. Col. John Cotter, Lt. Col. John Pauley, Gregory Smirinoff, John Smith, John Caswell, Nate Golden, Arthur Robitaille, Ray Queenin, George Young, Eric Stearns and our guest John B. Hull, former C.O. of Co. G, 104th Infantry in W. W. II. John was in Washington for the holiday season from Denver, Colorado, where he is attending law school and where he is a member of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of YDVA.

Our regular business meeting was followed by the showing of motion pictures taken by Comrade Smirinoff while he was with the YD in Austria and Czechoslovakia. We then adjourned to the Dugout of the clubhouse for refreshments, bull sessions and a television show before calling it a night.

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The traditional ceremony in commemoration of Maj. Gen. Clarence R. Edwards' birthday anniversary was held on the morning of January 1, 1949 at the grave of Gen. Edwards, his wife and daughter in Arlington Cemetery. Members of the General Edwards Post, VFW were invited. Chaplain John Caswell officiated.

Plans for our February meeting are in progress and notices will be sent out as soon as a date for our meeting place can be fixed. Nomination of officers for the coming year will be the chief item on the agenda.

— Carl T. Newcomb, Sr.,
Secretary-Treasurer.

OUTBURSTS FROM THE OLD OUTFITS

101st INFANTRY ITEMS

On Thursday, January 13th at the YD Club, B Co. held a joint get-to-gether with the members of W. W. II, 101st Vets Assoc., and it was a great success. Then on Sunday, January 16 again at the YD Club, B Co. was host to the Regt'l Assoc., at a joint meeting of W. W. I and II. Bill Blake spoke for and represented W. W. I and Paul Kirk acted in the same capacity by speaking for the W. W. II men.

Marion Mulhall and Jerry Shea sang several songs, and after the meeting closed we had refreshments and what goes with it. Needless to say a good time was had by all, and the get-together was a great success.

On Sunday afternoon, February 6th, G Co. in Worcester is putting on a time for the 101st and B Co. should try and make this one. George McDonald is at the YD Club every night and is handling the transportation to Worcester for B Co. If you have room in your car for a couple of Boys, call Geo. at Kex 6-2118, also if you are in need of a ride, call Geo. or be at the Club at 1:00 p.m.

On March 17th, St. Patrick's Day at the YD Club, the 101st will conduct a Buffet Supper and Dance with plenty of entertainment. This will be a good time, Geo. McDonald is handling the tickets for this party, which cost $2.00 per copy. B Co. will have a special section reserved for them so we can all be together on March 17th.

The YD Convention will be held in Boston this year, June 23-24-25-26. The Convention Committee is practically all 101st Inf. men. All committee's are not complete. It would be fine if you men would submit your names to Guy Watts or Geo. McDonald for any committee you feel you can serve on.

Here are some of the men serving on Committee's: Tim Doherty, Vice General Chairman; Al Pacifici, Treasurer; Frank Brennan, Secretary; Walter Grant, Judge Advocate; Eddie Connors, Knocko McCormack, Les Perry, Dick Sullivan and Al McPhee on Ways and Means Committee; Bill Blake, Arrangements; Bill Connors, Banquets; Vince Breen, Parade; Al Barnard, Military Ball; Dave Krinsky and Earl Eaves, Registration; John Riley, Badges; Geo. McDonald and John Kelly, Liaison.

John Kelly and Geo. McDonald would like to see more B Co. men in the paid up membership rolls of the 101st Inf. The dues are only a Buck a year and if you have not already signed up, will you please send a Buck to George or John at the YD Club and they in turn will mail you your membership card. B Co. has no dues. Thursday, January 13th, our Treasurer Brendon Mullin reported that we had $59.50 in B Co. treasury.

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103rd FIELD ARTILLERY

On December 14th. 1948, Headquarters Co., 103rd F. A., World War I, held their first banquet in thirty years at Lindy's Diner, Cranston, Rhode Island. Those present were: William Bresette, Edward Danbruch, Herman Gould, J. B. Nevin, George Gilbert, William Brush, Robert Teft, Paul Krikorian, Herve Cauchon, Ray Donahue, Ray Stenson, Lynnwood Hunter, Walter Brown, Laurence Paolino, Col. Wm. McCormick, George Murray, Robert Mann, Charles Haymen, John Rancourt, Ray Mountain. Frank Dambruch, John Sharkey, Roswell Fairman. Ernest Vigeant, William Cameron, Frank Kennedy, A. C. Cianfarani, William Coward, Gene Lajoie, Leighton Bohl, Kenneth MacKenzie, Charles Paolino, George Cashman, Tom Keenan, James Farrell, Otto Schur, Clinton Briggs, Marcus Sullivan, Francis Pryor, Archie Sprinthall, Dave Papineau.

To our old buddies throughout the U. S. who are members of YDVA will you please forward your address to Col. Mark P. Rancourt, 16 Beauregard Avenue, Saylesville, R. I.

Submitted by

Mark P. Rancourt, *President.*

FLICKERS FROM THE 104TH

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the 104th Inf., was held at the YD Club of Worcester on Sunday, January 23. The principal item of business was the 104th Reunion to be held in Boston, April 29-30, with Tom Mackey as Chairman.

Company banquets will be held Friday evening and the Military Ball will be held Saturday evening at the YD Club.

Memorial exercises at the Mural Painting in the State House will be held Friday at 2:00 P. M.

The Boston Unit will hold a penny sale the 1st Monday of February, March and April at the Club to raise funds for the reunion.

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JACK B. WOOD, formerly of Co. C, 103rd MG Bn., died at his home in St. Albans, Vt., on January 4th, 1949. He was a former member of the St. Albans Chapter, YDVA. A former State Commander of the American Legion, Dept. of Vt.

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CHARLES F. CAMPBELL, formerly of Co G, 101st Inf., W. W. I, died June 16th, 1947 at the Veterans Hospital in Newington, Conn. His home was in Norwich, Conn., where the services were held.

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GEORGE GILLIS, formerly of Co I, 103rd Inf., W. W. I, passed away at the Togus, Maine Veterans Hospital, January 9, 1949. Burial was from his former home in Eastport, Maine.

He was a Custom Inspector at the International Bridge at Calais, Maine.

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GEORGE E. COLLVER, formerly with Co D, 102nd Inf., died December 7, 1948. He was Historian of the New Haven Chapter. Services were conducted by the Chaplain Ray Cooper, assisted by Commander Lindgren and member of the Chapter.

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HENRY E. BOLDUC, formerly with Btry E, 102nd F. A., W. W. I, died at the St. Vincent's Hospital, Worcester, Mass., on January 23, 1949. He was a jail officer at the Worcester Jail for many years before retiring. Services were on the 26th and interment was in the Notre Dame Cemetery, Worcester, Mass. He was a member of the YD Club of Worcester.

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JOHN J. MAHONEY (Buzzy), formerly of Btry. E, 101st F. A., W. W. I, passed away at the Bath, N. Y. Veterans Hospital in December, 1948, after a long illness. He was buried in Salem, Mass., by the VFW Post and a YD delegation.

STAFFORD McDONALD, formerly of Co H, 104th Inf., died suddenly at home in Salem, Mass., in December, 1948. He was buried in Salem by the American Legion Post and a YD delegation of members of the Salem Chapter YDVA.

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WALTER A. LOGAN, formerly of Co H, 104th Inf., W. W. I, died at his home in Stoneham, Mass., on January 18, 1949. Funeral services were held on January 22, 1949. He was a former member of the Boston Chapter YDVA and a Past Commander of the Stoneham Post VFW.

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EMMETT C. JEFFERSON, formerly with Co G, 102nd Inf., W. W. I, died suddenly, Friday, July 29th, 1948. The Ohio Chapter of which he was a member attended the services, which were conducted by Fred Bastel. This was the first complete Military funeral ever conducted by the Chapter, with guards at the casket during time of visitation. They were Wm. Heiss, P. Sinclair, A. Lawler, C. Hauser, F. Bastel, E. Dulude, J. Wenzer, T. Gonsalves, P. Wells, W. Smart, H. Riehl and F. Baldo. Pall bearers were Dulude, Bastel, Reich, Johnson, McGloin and Heiss.

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JOHN H. RINES, formerly with Co D, 101st Eng., W. W. I, died suddenly at his home in Boston, Mass., on January 23, 1949. Services were held in Boston and attended by comrades from his company. Interment was in Gardner, Mass.

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RALPH E. FOX, formerly of Co K, 102nd Inf., W. W. I, died during January. He was a Past Commander of the Mont Sec Chapter, Bristol, Conn., YDVA. Delegations from the Chapter and Auxiliary attended. Pall bearers were YD men. Burial was in Plainville, Conn.

JOHN CARL SHULTHIESS, formerly of Hdqtrs. Co 102nd Inf., W. W. I, died at the Chelsea Naval Hospital on January 9, 1949. Services were held at Hartford, Conn., on January 11, 1949 with members of the Hartford Chapter of which he was a member attending the services.

Burial was at the Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford, Conn.

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J. GUY RICHARDSON, formerly of Co C, 101st Engineers, W. W. I, died suddenly in New York City, January 11, 1949, while there on a business trip. His home was in Cornwall, Conn. He was engaged in the insurance business in Torrington. Services were held in Newtonville, Mass., on Saturday, January 15th.

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PAUL H. ALLING, formerly with Co B, 101st Machine Gun Bn., W. W. I, and the 102nd Machine Gun Bn., died January 17, 1949, at the Naval Medical Center in Maryland. Burial was on January 21, 1949. He was a native of Hamden, Conn., a graduate of Trinity College and the Univ. of Penn. He was named the first American Ambassador to the new state of Pakistan, September 25, 1947.

Report has been received of the death of CHARLES C. FREIDERICH, formerly of Co C, 101st Eng., W. W. I, during 1948. No further details available.

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RICHARD A. LAGERHOLM, formerly of Co C, 101st Eng., W. W. I, passed away November 6. 1948, after an illness of over a year. His home was in Millbury, Mass.

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2nd LT. FRANCIS A. FAAS, 104th Infantry, killed in action at Morey-le-Vic, France, November 10th, 1944. The body of Lt. Faas was returned to the U. S. and funeral services held at Our Lady of the Valley Church, Orange, N. J., on January 12, 1949. Pall bearers were classmates from Seton Hall College, Lieutenant Faas had three brothers in service in World War II; two in the Army and one in the Navy. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Faas, 16 Dartmouth Road, West Orange, New Jersey, would like to hear from comrades who knew Lt. Faas while in Service.

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JAMES BYRON, formerly with Co F, 101st Inf., W. W. I, died December 31, 1948. Burial was on Tuesday, January 3rd. No further details available.

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Dinner at 6:30 P. M.

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